Subsidy for Ginger Growers

2042. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any provision for subsidy/loan for ginger growers in the country;

(b) if so, the procedures thereof; and

(c) the amount of subsidy/loan given to ginger growers during the last three years State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) The Government of India is providing 50% subsidy on selected items to ginger growers under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Integrated Programme for development of Spices. The assistance is provided through the State Governments. The beneficiaries are selected by the State Government in potential areas.

(c) The State-wise assistance provided during the last 3 years is as under:

(Rs. in lakhs) Amount

Name of the State	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	Total
Andhra pradesh	—	—	3.73	3.73
Arunachal Pradesh	—	1.35	2.55	3.90
Assam	0.60	—	9.13	9.73
Haryana	—	0.90	0.90	1.80
Himachal Pradesh	—	—	43.91	43.91
Karnataka	0.36	—	—	0.36
Kerala	1.20	6.00	53.85	61.05
Madhya Pradesh	0.60	—	6.45	7.05
Manipur	—	—	0.83	0.83
Meghalaya	—	—	38.12	38.12
Mizoram	0.60	—	10.98	11.58
Rajasthan	—	—	0.09	0.09
Nagaland	—	—	0.8	0.08
Sikkim	2.40	1.20	18.83	22.43
Tamil Nadu	0.60	2.28	—	2.88
Tripura	—	—	2.02	2.02
Uttar Pradesh	0.60	—	—	0.60
Orissa	0.42	—	—	0.42
A & N Island	1.32	0.80	1 66	3.78

Modernisation of Bidhanbag Unit of BALCO

2043. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether MECON was engaged by the Union Government for recommending revamping/modernisation of the Bidhangbag Unit of BALCO

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations and the estimated cost thereof;

(c) whether recommendations have been implemented;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) by when all the recommendations of MECON will be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): (a) to (f) No Sir. However M/s. MECON were engaged by Bharat Aluminium